

FOOD SERVICES

The Albemarle County Public Schools (“ACPS”) provides free and reduced-price breakfasts and lunches to students according to the terms of the National School Lunch Program and the National School Breakfast Program.

If any ACPS school has a student population that qualifies for free and reduced-price meals at a minimum percentage of fifty percent (50%) in the prior school year and simultaneously offers educational or enrichment activities, the School Board applies to the Virginia Department of Education for such school to participate in the Afterschool Meal Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition (“FNS”) Child and Adult Care Food Program (“CACFP”) to serve, subsequently and simultaneously, federally-reimbursable meals and offer an afterschool education or enrichment program pursuant to FNS guidelines and state health and safety standards.

School officials determine student eligibility based on guidelines established by federal law. Eligible students are provided nutritionally acceptable meals free or at a reduced cost if state and federal resources for school food programs are available. The Superintendent/designee establishes rules and procedures as needed to implement this policy.

The criteria for determining a student's eligibility and the procedures for securing free and reduced-price meals is publicly announced at the beginning of each school year and available to parents of all children attending ACPS schools.

Each elementary and secondary school processes each web-based and paper-based application for participation in the School Breakfast Program or the National School Lunch Program within six working days after the date of receipt of the completed application.

ACPS will apply to Food and Nutrition Service to participate in Community Eligibility Provision for those schools mandated through state requirements.

The students who participate in the free or reduced-cost meal programs are not overtly identified, distinguished or served differently than other students.

The Albemarle County School Board may receive any donation or other funds for the purpose of eliminating or offsetting any school meal debt at any time and will use any such funds solely for such purpose.

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7 C.F.R. §§ 210.9, 210.11, 220.20, 245.5, 245.8.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-79.7, 22.1-207.2:2, 22.1-207.3, 22.1-207.4.

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8 VAC 20-740-30

8 VAC 20-740-35

8 VAC 20-740-40

Cross Refs: JHCF, *Student Wellness*
KH, *Public Gifts to the Schools*